

Hi my name is \_\_\_\_\_ and this is the 8<sup>th</sup> principle minute. With the adoption of the 8th Principle, our congregation committed to dismantle racism, beginning within our walls.

Tomorrow is Martin Luther King Jr Day, so let's start off with a quote from him:

If America does not use her vast resources of wealth to end poverty and make it possible for all of God's children to have the basic necessities of life, she too will go to hell.

Tonight begins the Jewish holiday of Tu Bishvat, which has become the Jewish "earth day". Racial justice is inextricably linked to environmental justice. Whether it is access to safe food or exposure to harm from degraded air, land, and water, there is a tremendous racial inequality that cannot be ignored.

Some say this world of trouble  
Is the only one we need  
But I'm waiting for that morning  
When the new world is revealed  
When the revolution comes  
When the rich go out and work  
When the air is pure and clean  
When we all have food to eat  
When our leaders learn to cry  
O Lord I want to be in that number  
When the saints go marching in  
- *Louis Armstrong 1968*

Tomorrow is a day of service. Let us march with the saints and do the work necessary to keep our country from going to hell.

Together we will continue this journey toward spiritual wholeness, build a beloved community, educate ourselves and discuss what it means to develop a culture of being accountably anti-racist. We will continue to look at our own practices, identity, and stories with a new lens to dismantle the racism in ourselves and our institutions.

